(a) whether a representation dated 3.5.94 from Binny Beach Engineering Works, Madras regarding non-implementation of Government's Notification enhancing the rate of Employer's contribution, by the Binny Limited, Engineering Division, has been received by Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-implementing government's notification; and

(c) whether Government have issued any directions for implementation of the said notification and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) A representation dated 23.4.94 about delay in implementation of the Government's notification enhancing the rate of PF contribution has been received from the Binny-Beach Engineering Workers' Union. At present the enhanced notified rate of PF contribution is not applicable to the sick establishments. M|s Binny Beach has claimed to be sick and, therefore, disputed the applicability of the enhanced rate of PF contribution. Necessary action to resolve this dispute has been initiated under Section 7-A of the EPF & MP Act, 1952. As the proceedings under Section 7-A are of judicial nature, the question of the Government issuing a direction in this regard does not arise.

Employment Assurance Scheme

40. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the basic objectives of the Employement Assurance Scheme launched on 2nd October 1993;

(b) the number of Mandays employment that has been generated under the Employment Assurance Scheme;

(c) the number of persons who have been registered and deployed under the Scheme in different States and Union Territories; and

(d) the total amount of expenditure incurred on the Scheme and concrete achievement made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The basic objective of the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) which started with effect from 2.10.1993 is to provide assured employment of 100 days in unskilled manual work during the lean agricultural season to the rural poor who are in need of employment and seeking it.

(b) According to the reports received from the States|UTs, under Employment Assurance Scheme 491.68 lakh mandays were generated during 1993-94. During 1994-95 (up to the end of May, 1994) 171.19 lakh mandays have been generated under EAS.

(c) A total of 69.88 lakh persons have been registered in different States|UTs under EAS. The number of persons actually deployed on EAS works is, however, not being monitored at the Central level, as it varies even on a day-to-day basis.

(d) During 1993-94, an expenditure of Rs. 18293.60 lakhs was incurred under EAS. During 1994-95 (upto the end of May, 1994), Rs. 7815.23 lakhs have been spent on E.A.S.

ILO rapping India for failing to check bonded labour

41. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation in its Committee monitoring compliance with the labour laws rapped India for failing to check bonded labour;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and